

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. There is something very wrong and undemocratic in the power of one big owner/corporation to dictate what people hear and see without being required to balance it with another point of view. Fox News has been allowed to get away with distorted reporting and outright lying by calling it news, but this attempt by Sinclair to pass off a biased movie as NEWS is so blatant that I wonder why you are allowing it. Obviously, I do not favor a conservative point of view, but to take another example, I would never consider Fahrenheit 911 "news" or think that it should be allowed to be broadcast as news with out fairness policies applying to it as well.

.Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.